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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6088]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6088) for the relief of Hisako Suzuki, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant a waiver of the racial barrier to admission into the United States to a minor Japanese child in the custody of Sgt. and Mrs. James Jenkins, who are citizens of the United States. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant, which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan on June 6, 1951, and is now in the custody of Sgt. and Mrs. James Jenkins, who are citizens of the United States.

Congressman Melvin Price, the author of the bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and made the following statement in support of the bill:

STATEMENT OF HON. MELVIN PRICE, IN SUPPORT OF H. R. 6088, FOR THE RELIEF OF HISAKO SUZUKI

I am hopeful that H. R. 6088 for the relief of Hisako Suzuki, will receive your favorable and prompt consideration.

Master Sgt. and Mrs. James Jenkins, who are extremely anxious to bring this baby to the United States as their own when they are rotated, have given loving

care to this unfortunate Japanese national. Sergeant Jenkins was scheduled to return on March 1, but has submitted a request for a few months' extension pending the enactment of H. R. 6088.

It seems apparent that when two people care to go to such lengths by requesting legislation to be enacted on behalf of a child that there is a particularly strong natural love which will guide them in providing for that child in every possible manner.

I recently received a letter from a close personal friend of mine, whom I have known all my life, Jerome J. Mackin. Mr. Mackin has told me that Mrs. Jenkins, the former Delores Coughlin of O'Fallon, Ill. (in my congressional district), is a woman of the finest moral character and an excellent mother. The Jenkins couple also has a 3-year old son. Mrs. Jenkins received a certificate of achievement while a civil-service employee for the Department of Defense when she worked as a statistical code clerk in the Adjutant General's Office of the Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan.

I do not hesitate to recommend Master Sergeant and Mrs. Jenkins as the type of parents who will rear this baby to be a fine American citizen.

In addition, Congressman Price submitted the following information in connection with the case:

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON SECTION,
ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRD AIR BASE GROUP,
ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRD AIR TRANSPORT WING,
APO 226, October 11, 1951.

Hon. MELVIN PRICE,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. PRICE: I am a staff sergeant presently stationed at Haneda Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. My wife, Delores (Coughlin), and our 3-year-old son are also here. We have Hisako Suzuki, a Japanese national under our care and custody. This child is a foundling born about June 6, 1951. My wife and I are very desirous of having this child returned with us to the United States where we could educate her and stand responsible for the necessities of life on her behalf.

It is our fervent desire that you introduce a congressional bill to the effect that the immigration law not apply in this case and that the before-named youth be admitted to the United States. I have been informed that such action has previously been carried out in similar cases upon request by persons in this theater. I hope that you will make an earnest effort to have such bill passed on behalf of Hisako Suzuki.

We promise to assume all parental obligations over this child and will take legal action in the appropriate court to adopt this child when we return to Illinois, our domicile.

If you desire character references in Illinois, you may contact my wife's father, Mr. James Coughlin, O'Fallon, Ill., and also Mr. M. F. Kuehn, O'Fallon, Ill.

I am enclosing various documents which will furnish specific data which you may need in this endeavor.

If I can furnish any additional information or be of any assistance, please write.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES JENKINS,
Staff Sergeant, USAF.

ST. ODILIA HOME, BABYS' NURSERY,
Nakano'ku, Tokyo-to.

I agree to adopt Suzuki Hisako.

I will take the child to the United States of America if I am allowed to do so by the Government of the United States.

I will raise the child, educate, and give her every protection and love I possibly can.

While I am in Japan, the Japanese custodians are free to visit at any time and report on the child's care and welfare.

If this she is not receiving, I understanding that the child may be taken from us.

JAMES S. JENKINS,
Staff Sergeant, USAF.
DELORIS C. JENKINS.

Witness:

FRANCIS SEIDEL.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON,
ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRD AIR BASE GROUP,
PACD, MATS,
APO 226, August 28, 1951.

Subject: Character reference, Staff Sgt. James S. Jenkins, AF14158449.

To Whom It May Concern:

1. Staff Sgt. James S. Jenkins has solicited this letter of character reference. This letter is to be presented to support subject airman's efforts to adopt a foreign-born child while in Japan.

2. Subject airman has been a member of this organization since May 16, 1951. During this period of assignment this airman has upheld the highest traditions and standards expected of members of the United States Air Force.

3. Examination of airman's records reveals that organizations of prior assignments rated Staff Sergeant Jenkins as being an individual of excellent character. As a member of the Air Force this is the highest rating that it is possible to earn. There is no record of any derogatory information, court martial, or company punishment. Records further reveal that airman is a member of the Catholic faith and airman states that his wife is also a Catholic.

4. In spite of the relatively short period of observation of this airman, it is felt that he possesses a high degree of moral integrity and would provide a fine environment and home for an adopted child.

ANTHONY M. ENGELS,
Major USAF, Commanding.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

HEADQUARTERS, TOKYO GENERAL DISPENSARY,
JAPAN LOGISTICAL COMMAND,
APO 1052, August 31, 1951.

Patricia Susan, foundling baby desired for adoption by Staff Sgt. James Jenkins, has been examined by this dispensary.

She is found to be free of any contagious or infectious disease. Her stools are negative, chest X-ray is normal, and serology negative. Her physical condition is one of slight underdevelopment due to prematurity of birth. There is no evidence at this time of any mental retardation.

HARRY SPITZ,
Lieutenant Colonel MC, Commanding.

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

To: Tokyo Metropolis, Ueno Children's Consultation Office Head. (Official seal hereon.)

No. 405, 1 Chome, Saginomiya, Nakano Ward, Tokyo Metropolis.

St. Odilia Home Baby's Nursery, Head of Establishment: Raymond Odilia.

The below-mentioned person on July 7, 1951, was entered at this establishment from the Ueno Children's Consultation Home as based on children's welfare disposition and although under its care at the present, as mentioned within attached statement, by the wish of the citizen of the United States of America, I hereby approve of the disposal of this matter as stated in attached sworn statement.

REMARKS

Permanent domicile: No. 1, Ueno Yamashita Cho, Daito Ward, Tokyo Metropolis.
Name: Hisako Suzuki.
Date of birth: June 6, 1951.

I swear that the above translation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

JOHN T. TSUCHIYA,
Food Service Squadron, Haneda Air Base.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of October, 1951, at Haneda Air Base, Honshu, Japan, APO 226.

JACK C. DIXON,
Captain, USAF, Fifteen Hundred and Third Air Transport Wing,
Judge Advocate.

FAMILY REGISTER (KOSEKI TOHON)

Permanent domicile: No. 1, Ueno Yamashita Cho, Daito Ward, Tokyo Metropolis.
Name: Hisako Suzuki.

On August 13, 1951, upon the investigation records of Daito Ward head, this family register was established.

Name: Hisako.
Date of birth: June 6, 1951.
Father: Blank.
Mother: Blank.
Family relation: Female.

Born on June 6, 1951 (estimated) and on August 13, 1951, based upon Daito Ward heads investigated records, this was recorded.

OCTOBER 1, 1951.

I hereby certify that this family register is a true and correct copy of the original family register.

[SEAL]

FUDEICHI MIKI,
Daito Ward Head, Tokyo Metropolis.

I swear that the above translation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

JOHN T. TSUCHIYA,
Food Service Squadron, Haneda Air Base.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of October 1951, at Haneda Air Base, Honshu, Japan, APO 226.

JACK C. DIXON,
Captain, USAF, One Thousand Five Hundred and Third Air Transport Wing, Judge Advocate.

Central Children Approval No. 753.
Date: September 28, 1926.

To: Head of St. Odilia Home. Tokyo Metropolis Central Children's Consultation Establishment Head. (Official seal hereon.)

Children's welfare disposition as *Release*, revision, prohibition or stoppage, re-registration, verification statement as underlined, is hereby approved.

September 25, 1951.

Upon request and italicized above, it is hereby approved as mentioned below: Command No. "Jo" "Ha" 156. Child's name: Hisako Suzuki. Date of birth: June 6, 1951. Approval and disposition: August 31, 1951.

Details and remarks: Released to the care of Mr. James Jenkins, citizen of United States of America.

I swear that the above translation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

JOHN T. TSUCHIYA,
Food Service Squadron, Haneda Air Base.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of October 1951, at Haneda Air Base, Honshu, Japan, APO 226.

JACK C. DIXON,
Captain, USAF,
One Thousand Five Hundred and Third Air Transport Wing,
Judge Advocate.

INFANT CHILD'S RECORDS

Name: Hisako Suzuki.
Permanent domicile: No. 1, Ueno, Yamashita Cho, Daito Ward.

FAMILY CONDITION

1. Place of discovery: At No. 1, Ueno, Yamashita Cho, Daito Ward, Government electric line (Shosen), Ueno station, under the trestle of south side entrance.
2. Date and time of discovery: 6:30 p. m., on July 6, 1951.
3. Name and residence address of discoverer: Michiko Suzuki; age, 21.

CIRCUMSTANCES

The discoverer on July 3, 1951, at about 9:30 p. m., at No. 1, Ueno Yamashita Cho, Daito Ward, Ueno station's south side trestle near the south side entrance, saw a woman, a person of shady character, known to me by appearance only, and of age of about 50, address unknown, carrying a baby girl of about 1 month old. I asked her if I could hold the child, to which she consented. The woman did not come back no matter how long I waited; therefore, that night I took the child to a hotel in Sanya district and as of this date, I have been caring for the baby and trying to locate the woman. I realized that the child was abandoned, so I reported this to the Ueno police station.

I swear that the above translation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

JOHN T. TSUCHIYA,
Food Service Squadron, Haneda Air Base.

Translated on October 22, 1951.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 22d day of October 1951, at Haneda Air Base, Honshu, Japan, APO 226.

JACK C. DIXON,
Captain, USAF, 1503d Air Transport Wing,
Judge Advocate.

JANUARY 6, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

We, John Teeters and James Teeters, knew Addie Jenkins, mother, and Will Jenkins, father of James S. Jenkins, were married on the day of January 27, 1907, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Addie Jenkins, born on November 3, 1886.
Death of Addie Jenkins on February 26, 1948.
Will Jenkins, born on October 5, 1882.
Death of Will Jenkins on June 3, 1950.

(Signed) JA TEETERS
JOHN TEETERS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January 1952.

[SEAL] (Signed) MARGARET ONELL,
Notary Public.

My commission expires October 2, 1954.

JANUARY 6, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

We, J. D. Keith and Mrs. J. D. Keith of Chattanooga, Tenn., knew the mother, Addie Jenkins, and the father, Will Jenkins of James S. Jenkins of Chattanooga, Tenn., from the year of 1913 until their deaths, Addie Jenkins February 26, 1948; Will Jenkins June 3, 1950.

(Signed) J. D. KEITH
MRS. J. D. KEITH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January 1952.

[SEAL] (Signed) MARGARET ONELL,
Notary Public.

My commission expires October 2, 1954.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6088) should be enacted.

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